THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. Full length platforms with other amenities are available on Central Railway stations—Khopoli, Lauji, Dolavali, Kelavali and Palasdari in Maharashtra.

(b) Does not arise.

Platforms at CST, Mumbai

1017. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Railway has decided to increase the number of platforms at Chattrapati Shivaji Terminus at Mumbai;

(b) whether the Central Railway is going to acquire land of St. Georges Hospital, Mumbai; and

(c) if not, the problems in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State Govt. has to transfer 5555 sq.m. of land in exchange for an equal area of Railway land. The State Govt. is to dismantle the structures and hand over the land to be transferred to Railways for extension of platforms.

Railway projects in Andhra Pradesh

1018. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the on-going railway projects in Andhra Pradesh and the progress made thereon, project-wise;

(b) by when those projects are expected to be completed;

(c) the details of expenditure incurred thereon, till date, project-wise;

(d) the funds required for completion of the pending projects; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government for their completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (e) The details of all on-going Railway projects in Andhra Pradesh, including expected expenditure upto March, 2002 and funds required for completion for each project, is given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 195, Annexure 15] Target Date of Completion of projects, wherever fixed, is given in the status of the project. Works are being progressed as per availability of resources.

Deployment of RPF for Passenger Security

1019. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend Railway Protection Act and Indian Railways Act to facilitate deployment of Railway Protection Force personnels for security of passengers;

(b) whether more personnel would be recruited by the railways for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS "AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposals are under process to incorporate certain amendments in RPF Act 1957 and the Railway Act 1989. Hence, it is not possible to furnish the information at the present juncture.